

## American Chamber of Commerce in Armenia

For A Better Business Environment

14 September 2005

#### Dear AmCham Russia members:

On behalf of AmCham Armenia, I am pleased to invite you to attend the Fifth Regional AmCham Conference to be held at the Armenia Marriott Hotel in Yerevan on October 15-16, 2005. The theme of the conference is "A Common Future".

Our objective is to make this conference a dialogue between the stakeholders in the business communities of the participating countries. We have extended invitations to the AmChams in Georgia and Azerbaijan, as well as the Turkish-Armenian Business Council. The responses received to date are very promising, and we are in the process of finalizing arrangements for the participation of a number of renowned panelists and keynote speakers who will share their ideas on various aspects of economic development strategies for the Caucasus, as well as tools for overcoming the regional challenges. Most importantly this conference will be an unprecedented opportunity for networking and business development for the participating companies. We have also made arrangements for visits to both cultural and historical sites in Yerevan for the conference participants.

With this letter we would like to urge the participation of member companies from AmCham Russia. Many multinational businesses are headquartered in the Russian Federation, while maintaining affiliations and operations in the CIS countries, specifically in the three South Caucasus republics. This conference will provide the opportunity for those businesses to visit the region, and learn first hand the existing opportunities for business development and possible expansion of operations. Yet there are other companies, which have been curious about possible collaboration with companies in the region, but have not had the right opportunity to explore the possibilities. In that regard, AmCham Armenia would be happy to arrange for individual matchmaking appointments, as requested by the participants.

Enclosed please find a preliminary agenda for your review, as well as other registration information. It is with great expectation that we welcome you to our conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Yerevan.

Yours sincerely,

Edith Khachatourian President AmCham in Armenia

## A COMMON FUTURE AMCHAM REGIONAL CONFERENCE YEREVAN, OCTOBER 14-16, 2005

#### 14 October, Friday

Arrival of guests

19:00 Reception hosted by the Embassy of the United States of America in Armenia

## 15 October, Saturday

08:30 - 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 – 11:30 Welcoming remarks; Keynote address; Introduction of participants

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 14:00 Session One: Regional Investment Environment

14:00 - 15:30 Lunch at the Armenia Brasserie Restaurant

15:30 – 17:30 Session Two: Challenges to attracting Investments

19:00 Gala Dinner at the Armenia Marriott Hotel

#### 16 October, Sunday

10:00 – 12:00 Session Three: Regional Cooperation-Interactive exercise.

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 - 13:30 Closing remarks

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch at the Armenia Brasserie Restaurant

15:00 – 17:30 Optional Yerevan bus tour and visit to Sergey Parajanov museum (one of the undisputed masters of modern cinema)

19:00 Dinner at "Old Yerevan" Restaurant

#### 17 October, Monday

Guests depart.

#### Information for conference participants

#### **Expenses**

Lunch on 15th, 16th October, dinner on 14th, 15th, 16<sup>th</sup> October and the optional sightseeing tour will be provided by the Conference organizers.

There is no Conference registration fee.

Participants and guests will need to cover transport, visa and hotel booking costs.

#### **Visas**

Citizens of Georgia and Russia do not need visas to visit Armenia.

Other visitors may purchase visas at the Armenian border, including Zvartnots Airport. 21 day visas cost approximately US\$30.

Conference participants may also apply for an electronic visa, by visiting the Republic of Armenia Foreign Ministry website (www.armeniaforeignministry.am).

#### **Flights**

Aeroflot and Armavia provide daily flights between Moscow and Yerevan.

Flight connections with Istanbul are as follows:

Armavia: (Moscow: tel 727 1402; Yerevan: tel 00 397 10 564805/6)

Istanbul - Yerevan:

Tuesdays and Fridays: depart Istanbul at 03:10; arrive Yerevan at 07:15

Yerevan - Istanbul:

Tuesdays and Fridays: depart Yerevan at 01:30; arrive Istanbul at 01:40

Bagrattour: (Istanbul: tel 299 780, Yerevan: tel 00374 10 527171)

Istanbul - Yerevan:

Wednesdays and Sundays: depart Istanbul at 19:30, arrive Yerevan at 23:30

Yerevan – Istanbul:

Mondays and Thursdays: depart Yerevan at 00:30, arrive Istanbul at 00:30

You may also visit the following website addresses to learn more about the flight schedules to and from Yerevan originating from various destinations:

www.levontravel.com/NEW/COUNTRY/Armenia/AirTickets/TOyerevan.htm www.levontravel.com/NEW/COUNTRY/Armenia/AirTickets/fromyerevan.htm

#### **Hotel reservation**

The Conference will take place at the Armenia Marriott Hotel. As a special offer for conference participants, Armenia Marriott Hotel is offering discounted daily rates, which are AMD 55,200 (approx. \$117.50) for Deluxe Single Rooms and AMD 64,400 (approx. \$137.00) for Deluxe Double Rooms, including 20% Value Added Tax and buffet breakfast. This special offer is available for reservations received by September 19<sup>th</sup>; all bookings after this date will be made at the regular rates of AMD 88,440 (approx. \$188.00) for Deluxe Single Rooms and AMD 96,840 (approx. \$206) for Deluxe Double Rooms.

Please, contact Armenia Marriott Hotel directly for your reservations at tel: (37410) 599-225, fax: (37410) 599-265 or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:harutyun.amiryan@marriotthotels.com">harutyun.amiryan@marriotthotels.com</a> / mhrs.evnms.reservation@marriott.com. Make sure you mention that you are an AmCham Regional Conference participant to receive the discounted rates.

For more information visit: www.marriotthotels.com

#### **Airport transits**

Taxis are available at Zvartnots Airport.

Alternatively, please request the Armenia Marriott Hotel to pre-arrange a taxi to meet you on arrival.

#### **Further information**

Please, complete the registration form below and send to Ms. Elen Ghazarian, Executive Director, AmCham in Armenia as soon as possible.

Contact details:

Address: 1 Amirian Street, Armenia Marriott Hotel, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Room # 313

Tel: + 00 374 10 599187, Fax: + 00 374 10 599 265, Mobile: + 00 374 91 407016;

E-mail: <a href="mailto:amcham@arminco.com">amcham@arminco.com</a>; Website: <a href="mailto:www.amcham.am">www.amcham.am</a>

# **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

#### **Regional Conference in Yerevan**

"A COMMON FUTURE"

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Professor, Dr, rank, etc.):

Friday 14 October to Sunday 16 October 2005



Please complete in CAPITAL LETTERS and return it no later than <u>Monday, 19 September 2005</u> and e-mail the following information to the AmCham office at amcham@arminco.com

Last Name:		
Nationality:		Year of birth:
2. PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION		
Job Title:		
Organisation:		
Office Address:		
Postcode:	City:	
Country:		
Tel:	E-mail:	
Fax:	Website:	
3. TRAVEL INFORMATION (for non-Armenia residents)		
Arrival Date:	Arrival Time:	
Flight number:	Which Airlines:	
Departure Date:	Departure Time:	
Flight number:		

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

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OTHER INFORMATION			
4. Please specify the information about the person(s) that will accompany you (if applicable)			
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6. Sunday, October 17, 2005 – I will be attending the dinner at "Old Yerevan" Restaurant